Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 15 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 16 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 15 Dec 2023 at 02:08

Confidence: High for mild, largely settled conditions through the coming days, but lower for details of precipitation from Sunday due to uncertainties regarding movement of an expected slow moving band of rain.

Headline for Friday 15 Dec 2023: Mainly dry with sunny spells, cloud increasing later. Strengthening winds

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 15 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Dull	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	10%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Friday 15 Dec 2023

Weather: A few isolated mist and fog patches may develop in the early hours at low levels where skies clear in the east of the park, this dissipating not long after dawn. Variable cloud through the morning, with the best of the brightness in the east. Cloud thickening and lowering through the afternoon bringing an increased risk of drizzle through the evening. Strengthening southwesterly winds, with a risk of gales overnight particularly across the Pen y Fan Horseshoe route.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: Around 90% but decreasing to 40% across the west from mid-afternoon and to 20% or less more widely this evening

Low cloud and visibility: Any cloud is expected to largely remain above summits for much of daylight hours. An area of cloud with bases above 400-600m is expected to edge east mid-afternoon, becoming more extensive by the evening. Bases may cover lower slopes towards western coasts, with breaks likely to the lee of mountains in the east. Visibility generally good or very good, but very poor in any early low level fog, and poor to very poor in drizzle later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	14/22 W	16/25 W	16/22 W	16/23 SW	17/26 SW	19/26 SW	20/28 W
300	7/17 W	9/21 SW	9/19 W	11/22 SW	12/25 SW	12/24 SW	12/24 W
Valley	5/15 W	6/19 W	8/18 W	8/19 SW	10/23 SW	10/23 SW	10/22 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	4/-0	4/-0	5/1	6/1	7/3	8/4	7/3
300	5/2	6/3	8/5	8/5	8/6	9/7	9/7
Valley	5/3	6/4	9/6	9/7	9/6	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	2000m	2100m	2100m	1900m	2100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Valley temperatures in the east in low single figures at dawn. Feeling chilly this morning at higher levels with slight wind chill. Windy conditions may make for fairly arduous walking on exposed routes later; balance may be affected at times.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Fri 15 Dec 2023	2.2mm	2.4mm	13mm

Forecast for Saturday 16 Dec 2023

Weather: Rather dull and cloudy day, especially in the south and west where extensive cloud banks may cover lower slopes. Cloud will be thick enough to produce occasional, mainly light, rain and drizzle. Some drier and brighter spells likely across the Black Mountains and towards Hay-on-Wye.

Maximum wind: Southwest 25-35mph, gusts 35-40mph increasing 50mph over ridges and summits by midday.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 20% or less in the south and west. 30% increasing 50% in the north and east.

Low cloud and visibility: Periods of extensive cloud above 400-600m, perhaps lower in the southwest. Cloud more occasional above 600m in the north and east. Visibility good away from cloud, moderate in rain and very poor in drizzle.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius at dawn rising to 11 Celsius
At 600m: Around Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Well above the summits.

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